

Felix the Cat

Felix the Cat, the whimsical whiz of the silent screen, with his ebony fur and saucer-sized eyes, has been a pop culture icon since his debut in 1919. Created by Pat Sullivan and Otto Messmer, Felix is known for his mischievous smirk and a magic bag that could morph into anything his heart desired. This feline phenom was a trailblazer in the animation world, being the first character to gain such widespread popularity that he sparked a merchandising frenzy—from ceramic figurines to jazzy tunes like "Felix Kept on Walking." But alas, as talkies took over, Felix's star dimmed, outshone by the likes of Mickey Mouse with his synchronized sound. Yet, Felix wasn't one to let the catnip of fame slip through his paws so easily. In the 1950s, Joe Oriolo revamped Felix with a slick new look and a magical bag of tricks, catapulting him back into the limelight and onto the small screen. This cool cat has since starred in his own TV shows and movies, proving that nine lives might just be an understatement when it comes to the endurance of this animated legend.